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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of July 2 thru July 8, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 821 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

CHILD FIRE PLAY – On July 2 at 12:26 p.m. on the 1500 block of Timberlake Rd a young child playing with fire started a notebook paper and jeans in a plastic drawer on fire. She then attempted to extinguish it with water and her mom used a fire extinguisher. The fire was finally extinguished by fire fighters. Damage is estimated at \$100.

- **For information about Fire Play Intervention for a child playing with fire, PLEASE call the fire department's Public Education Office at 651-228-6203.**

UNATTENDED COOKING - On July 2 at 8:10 p.m. on the 10 block of East 4th Street in a high rise apartment building firefighters were dispatched to a kitchen fire. The fire was confined to the food that was left on the stove.

FIREWORKS - On July 4 at 2:27 p.m. on the 900 block of Desoto Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of a fire on the front porch of a residence. Upon arrival firefighters found a fire that was extinguished by a dry chemical extinguisher from a bystander across the street that saw the flames. Illegal fireworks had been lit on the porch earlier in the day. Damage is estimated at \$500.



This fire caused by illegal fireworks would have been much worse if neighbors hadn't seen the flames when they did.

PROPANE FIRE - On July 4 on the 200 block of Lawson Avenue East at 5:16 p.m. fire companies were called to a report of a garage fire that was extinguished. Firefighters arrived to find a small fire still burning. The occupant had checked to see if a 20 pound propane cylinder still had gas in it by opening the gas valve and applying a torch to the valve opening. The fire venting from the propane tank caught nearby combustibles on fire. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

DUMPSTER FIRE - On July 5 at Midnight on the 400 block of Wabasha Avenue the Fire Department was called to a report of a dumpster fire. Firefighters arrived to find a dumpster fully involved and two cars with exposure damage. Total damages to both vehicles were 3,500.

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK - On July 5 at 10:41 p.m. on Dale Street No. and University Avenue West a 6 year old girl was transported to a nearby hospital after walking out in the street and was struck by a vehicle.

FIREWORKS - On July 5 at 2:12 p.m. on the 900 block of Bush Avenue fire companies extinguished a tree in a vacant lot that had been ignited by fireworks. Upon arrival they found smoke and flames from a large tree on fire. The fire was started in a large gap in the trunk about 3 feet off the ground. Neighbors attempted to extinguish with a garden hose but were unsuccessful. Estimated damage to the tree was about \$1,000.

HOUSE FIRE - On July 6 at 11:31 p.m. on the 1800 block of Stillwater Avenue East firefighters were called to a report of smoke in a dwelling. They found that the source of the smoke was from a pile of coals that had been dumped alongside the house earlier in the day. The occupant had put the coals next to the house after he soaked them with a hose after use the night before and thought they were cool enough to use as fill against the house to correct a grading problem. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

ELECTRICAL SHORT - On July 7 at 11:51 a.m. on the 800 block of Wilson Avenue fire companies were called for an electrical fixture on fire. Upon arrival, they found an outdoor motion-sensor light fixture which had caught on fire and had fallen to a wooden deck, causing some charring. They extinguished the fire. Damage is estimated at \$2,000

VEHICLE FIRE - On July 7 at 7:00 a.m. on 35E & Larpenteur Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a vehicle fire on the interstate. Upon arrival, they found a vehicle fully involved and quickly extinguished it. Due to the location of the vehicle blocking traffic, the vehicle was towed from the scene to an impound yard to clear the interstate and allow an investigation in a safer environment. Damage is estimated at \$13,350.



A vehicle fire caused \$13,350 in damages.

MOTORIST STRUCK - On July 7 at 2:08 p.m. on Fremont Avenue and Mendota Street an 18 year old man who was driving a moped was struck by a vehicle that fled the scene. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.